

6.0 Interface with Agencies with Contiguous Boundaries

The Monticello Field Office has worked closely with the BLM Moab and Price Field Offices, and with the Manti-LaSal National Forest in the coordination of the wild and scenic river eligibility process.

6.1 Manti-LaSal National Forest

The Manti-LaSal National Forest Final Eligibility Determination of Wild & Scenic Rivers was completed March 2003. The LaSal Division of the forest drains into BLM lands both within the Moab and Monticello Field Office areas.

River(s)/segments found eligible (underlined below) by the Manti-LaSal National Forest, and those connecting from the LaSal NF boundaries to the BLM Monticello Field Office boundaries include:

- North Fork of Whiskers including Whiskers Draw - determined not eligible on BLM lands by Monticello FO ID Team evaluation
- Hammond Canyon - determined not eligible on BLM lands by Monticello FO ID Team evaluation
- Notch Canyon - does not flow as named on BLM lands
- Posey Canyon - does not flow as named on BLM lands
- Chippean Canyon & Allen Canyon - determined not eligible on BLM lands by Monticello FO ID Team evaluation
- Butts Canyon, Arch Canyon & Texas Canyon - to their confluence where ***Arch Canyon*** flows onto BLM lands, determined eligible by Monticello FO ID Team evaluation
- Upper Dark Canyon - does not flow as named on BLM lands
- ***Lower Dark Canyon*** - flows onto BLM lands, determined eligible by Monticello FO ID Team

Arch Canyon, and ***Lower Dark Canyon*** are drainages determined eligible for Wild and Scenic River status by both The Manti-LaSal National Forest and the BLM Monticello Field Office wild and scenic river eligibility process.

The ORVs and Tentative Classification of river(s)/segments in different jurisdictions can be the same or different. Similar characteristics may result in the same or different evaluations; likewise, differing characteristics based on change in terrain, altitude and, therefore, ecological basis, may result in the same or differing evaluations. The LaSal National Forest is a forest terrain; the BLM lands are primarily desert, semi-desert. An interface comparison of ORVs and Tentative Classifications is outlined in the table below.

Table 4: Eligible Wild and Scenic River/Segments Contiguous
Boundaries, Manti-LaSal National Forest and BLM
Monticello Field Office

River-Drainage Name	Outstandingly Remarkable Values		Tentative Classification	
	LaSal NF	Monticello FO - BLM	LaSal NF	Monticello FO - BLM
(Lower) <u>Dark Canyon</u>	Scenic Geologic Cultural	Scenic Recreation Wildlife	Wild	Wild
<u>Arch Canyon</u>	Scenic Geologic Cultural	Fish Recreation Wildlife Cultural Ecological	Scenic	Recreational

See following page for maps.

6.2 Moab Field office – BLM

The Preliminary Determination of Eligible Rivers on Lands Administered by the Moab BLM Field Office (as of June 12, 2003) lists 22 drainages with 44 river(s)/segments identified. Of these, the Colorado River, from private property near the Potash plant to Canyonlands NP, is the only segment that is contiguous with the Monticello FO administered area. In fact, this 13 mile segment of the Colorado is administered by both Field Offices, the boundary between resource areas being the centerline of the river. The Moab FO has administrative jurisdiction over the North/west side of this segment, the Monticello FO has administrative jurisdiction over the South/east side. Comparisons are noted in the table below.

Table 5: Eligible Wild and Scenic River/Segment Contiguous Boundary, BLM Moab and Monticello Field Offices

River - Drainage Name	Outstandingly Remarkable Values		Tentative Classification	
	BLM Moab Field Office	BLM Monticello FO	BLM Moab Field Office	BLM Monticello FO
<u>Colorado River</u> – Potash to Canyonlands NP - Moab	Scenic Recreation Fish Wildlife Geologic Cultural Ecological		WILD	
<u>Colorado River</u> – State lands to Canyonlands NP /- Monticello		Fish Recreation Wildlife Cultural Ecological		WILD

See following page for map.

6.3 National Park Service

The BLM Monticello Field Office has entered into discussion with the National Park Service's Colorado River Coordinator concerning the river(s)/segments contiguous to both agency jurisdictions. During the comment period on this preliminary document, work will be on-going to establish possible river recommendations from the following National Park Service units.

- 6.3.1 Canyonlands National Park
- 6.3.2 Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
- 6.3.3 Howenweep National Monument
- 6.3.4 Natural Bridges National Monument

6.4 Navajo Nation Boundary on the San Juan River

The boundary between the Navajo Nation and the Monticello Field Office resource area is the centerline of the San Juan River. The Navajo Nation has jurisdiction and administrative authority over the South side of the San Juan River as it runs through the Monticello Field Office area (on the east from the town of Montezuma Creek to the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area boundary on the west).